



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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SANG M. PARK, LPN	:	FINAL ORDER
License # 26NP06906300	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sang M. Park ("Respondent") is a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. Upon receipt of information that Respondent was arrested on August 21, 2014 by the Lodi Police Department for (1) Count of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) (Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance), the Board sent a letter of

inquiry requesting certain information and documentation about the arrest and Respondent's nursing practice via regular and certified mail. The regular mailing was not returned. The certified mailing was returned as "unclaimed".

4. To date, Respondent has not responded to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3, which the Board deems professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and also subjects Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Respondent's drug-related arrest raises sufficient concern such that testing, monitoring, and evaluation are warranted, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to evaluate whether Respondent's continued practice as a nurse may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e) and treatment may be necessary to properly discharge nursing functions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on May 14, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license and

imposing a \$500 civil penalty. In addition, the Provisional Order indicated that no application for reinstatement would be entertained until respondent had undergone evaluation and monitoring under the auspices of RAMP. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, contending that she never received the Board's letter of inquiry because she had moved and failed to update her address. She also maintained that the criminal matter was dismissed. She provided information concerning her nursing employment, but failed to provide any of the requested documents and most of the requested information about the criminal case: she did not provide a copy of any police report, municipal court complaint, information as to the status of the case, documentation of the disposition of

the case, a narrative statement explaining her version of the facts and circumstances that led to the arrest, or any documentation of continuing education. Therefore the Board found that the Provisional Order should be finalized without modification, imposing the suspension and the \$500 civil penalty, with no application for reinstatement to be entertained until respondent had undergone evaluation and monitoring under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), and RAMP indicates that her continued practice does not jeopardize the public safety and welfare.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 15th day of July, 2015,
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing is suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry and until further Board Order.

2. The Board will not entertain an application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent completes a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program

(RAMP), demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing, that she is in full compliance with any agreement with RAMP, that RAMP supports her return to practice, answers all inquiries regarding her criminal matter to the satisfaction of the Board, and demonstrates that she is up to date with her continuing education.

3. By undergoing evaluation, Respondent expressly waives any claim of privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning RAMP reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any proceedings.

4. All costs associated with the evaluation, monitoring, and/or treatment outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

5. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). Said penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to

the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of this order.

In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

6. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Licensed Practical Nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

7. The Board reserves the right to initiate disciplinary proceedings based upon any information that Respondent ultimately provides in response to the letter of inquiry or upon any new information the Board receives.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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